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### **2009 SA Great Regional Awards**

### **NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

*“Celebrating 10 years of regional success”*

Nominations for the 2009 SA Great Regional Awards are now open, marking the Award's tenth year anniversary.

Nominations are open to South Australians who live and/or work in South Australia's regional communities who have displayed excellence in the arts, community work, business, innovation, sustainability, sport, tourism or youth.

SA Great CEO, Nikki Seymour-Smith is encouraging South Australians to get behind the Awards and nominate those who have made outstanding contributions to our regional communities.

“Last year, SA Great received an impressive total of over 1000 nominations. With 2009 being the Award's tenth year, I hope South Australians will support our regional communities and exceed last year's number of nominations,” said Ms Seymour-Smith.

“It is always encouraging to see the high calibre of nominations this State produces, and we hope this year's nominations will continue to demonstrate the fantastic dedication that exists in our regional communities”. said Ms Seymour-Smith.

The 2009 SA Great Regional Awards were launched last Friday night at a special anniversary event. Special guests included Hon Paul Caica MP, Minister for Regional Development, members from regional and metropolitan media, program sponsors and previous winners. The SA Great Regional Awards Hall of Fame was also unveiled on the night (see the list of inductees below for details).

SA Great Chairman, Nigel McBride said the tenth anniversary milestone was a reflection of the continued successes occurring in regional South Australia.

"With the tenth anniversary upon us, we urge regional communities to support the SA Great Regional Awards and make sure our regional successes don't go unnoticed," said Mr McBride.

You can nominate online by visiting [www.sagreat.com.au](http://www.sagreat.com.au), or collect a nomination form from your local council, Regional Development Board or Australia Post outlet.

Nominations for this year's SA Great Regional Awards will close Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

To meet the Regional Development Board boundaries, SA Great has restructured the regions for the 2009 Regional Awards. To view a map of the new South Australian regions, go to [www.sagreat.com.au](http://www.sagreat.com.au) or call SA Great on 8211 8111.

The SA Great Regional Awards are supported by Program Partner, the Government of South Australia – Department of Trade and Economic Development, Office of Regional Affairs, and Regional Partner, Regional Development South Australia.

### 2009 SA Great Regional Awards Categories

- ETSA Utilities **Arts** Award
- Australia Post **Small Business** Award
- Australia Post **Large Business** Award
- Westpac **Community Group** Award
- Westpac **Community Individual** Award
- Department for Trade and Economic Development **Innovation** Award
- **Sustainability** Award
- Nippy's **Sport** Award
- South Australian Tourism Commission **Tourism** Award
- Adelaide Showground **Youth** Award

### SA Great Regional Awards Hall of Fame Inductees

#### Adelaide Hills

- Adelaide Hills Wilderness Lodge
- Apogee Imaging International
- B.-d Farm Paris Creek
- Cladich Pavilions
- Duma's House
- Hahndorf Academy
- Hahndorf Hill Winery
- Hannah's Cottage Bed & Breakfast
- Hilltop Garden Suites
- Woodhouse Activity Centre

#### Barossa

- Barossa Regional Gallery

### Far North

- Arid Recovery
- Coober Pedy Football Club

### Fleurieu Peninsula & Kangaroo Island

- Alexandrina Cheese Company
- The Rotary Club of Victor Harbor Art Show

### Mid North & Yorke Peninsula

- Balaklava Cup
- Country Getaways Accommodation Booking Service
- Yorke Peninsula Field Days Inc

### Murray & Mallee

- Australian International Pedal Prix
- Birds Australia Gluepot Reserve
- Bowhill Engineering
- Loxton High School
- Monarto Zoological Park

For contact details for the Hall of Fame inductees, please call SA Great on 8211 8111.

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